

From: EAP
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 11:42 PM
To: NIEHS NICEATM
Subject: Phasing Out the Draize

To William Stokes, D.V.M., Director,

I am happy to have the opportunity to express my values regarding the Draize eye irritancy test. I hope for the day when there will be no more laboratory animals. No more experiments on animals.

Draize testing is a serious humane issue. I am a caring consumer. I shop accordingly to companies listed as **not** doing experiments on animals.

I am asking that you represent the animals who are subjected to laboratory testing by urging ICCVAM/NICEATM to:

1. Recommend that federal agencies immediately begin accepting alternative methods found to be useful;
2. Move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms; and most certainly please,
3. Go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating methods to **completely replace the use of the Draize test.**

Please understand that public response may be stronger if the people knew of such cruelties as the Draize test.

Many are unaware.

Sincerely,
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April 13, 2005